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YOUTH CORPS AND COP IN VILLAGE PROPAGANDA WORK

The China New Democracy Youth Corps organizations have sided greatly in the development of the propaganda work of the CCP. The following article describes how Youth Corps rembers are assisting the party members at Ts'un No 1, Yung-heiu Esien, Kiangel Province.

The village ceares at Ts'un Ho 1, Yung-nsiu Hsien, Kiangsi, have conducted an ideological mobilization of the masses prior to the carrying out of the tasks assigned to the village. The propaganda network of the village is under the direct guidance of the Ch'u Party Committee, CCP, since the village still has no party branch. Three fifths of the 32 propagandists in the village are Youth Corps members.

The Youth Corps helps the party in the following way: First, the Youth curps branch builds up a propaganda network by stressing the significance of establishing such a network inside and outside the Youth Corps. The Ch'u Farty Committee generally meets with the Youth Corps branch to discuss the problems concerning the establishment of a propaganda network. The Youth Corps protess concerning and coverities of a propagants north in the leases out-seeders are then organized to carry out propagands work among the masses out-side its organization. The tasks of the Youth Corps propagandists include educating the masses as to the structure of, as well as, the importance of propagands. Propagands must emphacize such matters as counteracting rumors spread by evil landlords.

For caseple, juring the early stage of the land-reform program in the village, the middle-class peasants were dissuaded from lending anything to the poor tenant pessants by rumor spread by the evil landlords. These land-lords spread the rumor that any lending of money or grain to the poor tenant peasants would mean exploitation and would promote them into a higher capitalist class. When the masses are reminded of their sufferings brought on by the false rumors of the landlords, they will understand the importance of having propagandists who explain the party policy and expose rumors. In this way the propagandists will take root among the masses.

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Second, the Youth Corps branch helps in selecting and fostering propagandists by recommending suitable condidates from the Youth Corps members and from among the masses. This is done, however, under the direct control of the Ch'u Party Committee. The candidates are finally accepted as progagandists after investigation by the Youth Corps branch committee and upon the approval by the Ch'u Party Committee.

Lastly, the Youth Corps branch helps to develop mass-line propagands organizations. It assigns members to carry out the tack of mobilizing various people's organizations to participate in propaganda activities. The propaganda organizations mentioned above include newspaper-reading groups and evening schools, as will as propaganda teams. This village now has five newspaper-reading groups, ten evening schools, many propaganda teams, and five blackboard newspapers. The Youth Corps nembers, propagandists, and members of the propaganda teams are effectively using Young, local rhymes, newspaper-reading groups, evening schools, etc., as propaganda media. A newspaper-reading group can be amployed very advantageously to explain current affairs, government policies and affairs, etc. An evening school is very suitable for propagandizing important and urgent tesks. Such propaganda is usually announced before and after an evening class. Usually the majority of the Youth Corps members and propagandistsare the leaders of these propaganda organizations. Each of them maintains close contact with the activities of three or four propaganda teems, who are kept informed of the propaganda objective of the COP.

The work of the Youth Corps propagandists is investigated and supervised by the Youth Corps organization. When the Youth Corps propagandists are assigned a job to be carried out by the party, the Youth Corps branch committee not only inspects their work and help solve their difficulties, but also carries out an investigation within the village to ascertain the opinions of the peasants toward such propagandists. While the main purpose of the Youth Corps organization is to acquaint the Youth Corps members with basic knowledge of the Youth Corps and to elevate their ideological level, it must constantly supervise and educate its propagandists to raise their sense of duty toward their work.

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